AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1–6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A computer-implemented method comprising:

executing, by a computer, an enterprise planning session in accordance with an enterprise planning model, wherein the enterprise planning model defines hierarchically arranged nodes associated with business logic software modules and enterprise contributors, wherein the enterprise planning session receives data provided by the enterprise contributors and automates reconciliation of the data across an enterprise that corresponds to the enterprise planning model, and wherein the enterprise planning model comprises a financial model;

checking-out an individual one of the nodes of the model for editing during execution of the enterprise planning session in accordance with the enterprise planning model; and

modifying the checked-out node of the model without preventing execution of the enterprise planning session for the nodes of the enterprise planning model that are not checked-out.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein modifying the checked-out node comprises:

receiving updated model information for the checked-out nodes, node; and

updating a respective slice of the enterprise planning model for only the checked-out node based on the updated model information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein updating the enterprise planning model comprises modifying the business logic software modules module or the enterprise contributors contributor associated with the checked-out individual nodes node in response to the updated model information.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving and processing contribution data from the enterprise contributors associated with the nodes of the model during the execution of the enterprise planning session and prior to the check-out of the individual one of the nodes; and

reconciling the contribution data that was received prior to the check-out of the individual one of the nodes with the updated model information when the checked-out nodes are node is subsequently checked-in during the execution of the enterprise planning session.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 10, wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by an application server to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the updated model information for the checked-in nodes node.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 10, wherein reconciling comprises defining reconciliation jobs for execution by remote computers of the enterprise contributors to reconcile the previously received contribution data with the updated model information for the checked-in nodes node.

Claims 14–21 (Cancelled).